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<p data-bbox="721 268 980 296" style="text-align: center;">1 INTRODUCTION</p> <p data-bbox="151 327 1520 449">Trace Evidence examination comprises a wide variety of evidence types. This manual consists of the procedures most routinely used for the subdisciplines within the Trace Evidence Section of the Virginia Division of Forensic Science. This manual, in combination with the Section Training Manual, provides the basis for effective quality management of analyses. The Division's Quality Manual (QM) and Safety Manual provide additional guidelines.</p> <p data-bbox="151 480 1536 569">The purpose of this manual is to provide a framework of analytical procedures for the Trace Evidence Examiner. Every effort has been made to document the routine procedures used by this Section and to provide appropriate references. Many procedures have been adapted from standard laboratory practices and, therefore, no specific reference may be available.</p> <p data-bbox="151 600 1544 722">Every case is unique and must be evaluated by the individual examiner. Not all possible analyses that may be encountered in casework can be appropriately covered in a procedures manual nor can all possible variations to a described procedure be included. Deviations from procedures shall occur in accordance with ¶ 17.3.6 (Protocol Deviations) of the Division of Forensic Science, Quality Manual.</p> <p data-bbox="1490 753 1544 781" style="text-align: right;">◆End</p>	